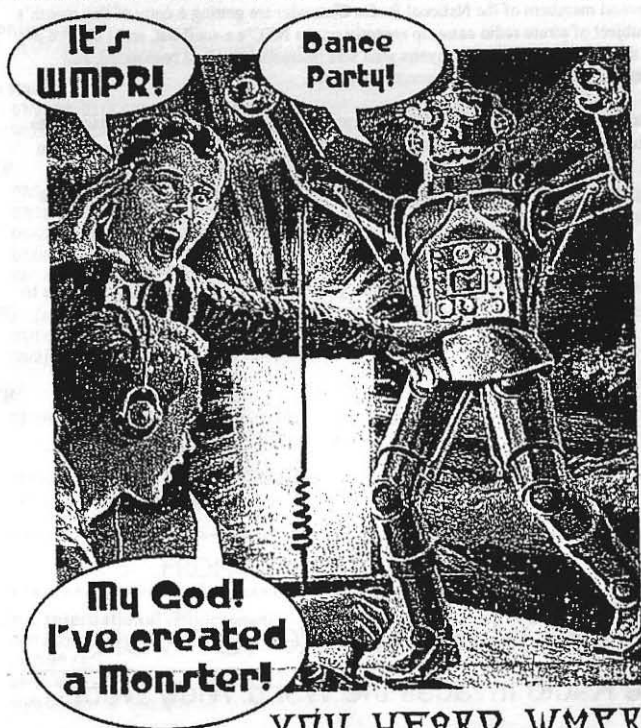


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DATE: JULY 15, 2002

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George Zeller got this QSL card! Aren't you  
envious???

## The Managing Editor's Page

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Welcome to several members of the National Radio Club who are getting a copy of this month's bulletin! The subject of pirate radio came up recently on the NRC's e-mail list, and I offered to send copies of this month's bulletin to anyone who was interested. Several responded, and hopefully several of them will decide to become members.

If you'd like to get up-to-the-minute news of pirate radio activity, why not subscribe to the ACE pirate radio mailing list? There's nothing like getting a top on a pirate station while it's still on their air! To subscribe, just send a BLANK e-mail to [PirateRadio-subscribe@topica.com](mailto:PirateRadio-subscribe@topica.com). Since the list is managed by yours truly, you know it will be a class act all the way!

Another great set of columns by all the editors this month! And don't forget that Halloween is traditionally the biggest day of the year for pirate radio activity. Be sure to listen to such frequencies as 6950 and report what you hear to the appropriate editor(s).

73,

HARRY

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## LATE LOGS

### Maryanne Calling

- 08/20/02, 0059-0215, 6950A (SC-VA 433)

### Oxycontin Radio

- 08/07/02, 0037-0114\*, 6953U (WT-MT 132)

### Sycko Radio

- 07/28/02, 0215-0230, 6950U (MT-WI 122)
- 08/06/02, 0245-0300, 6955U (MT-WI 133)

### WHYP

- 07/26/02, 0248-0256\*, 6952A (MT-WI 122)
- 07/28/02, 0046, 6953U (MT-WI 122)
- 08/01/02, 0250-0256\*, 6952A (MT-WI 233)
- 08/06/02, 0223-0224, 6955A (MT-WI 111)
- 08/16/02, 0316-0322, 6952A (RD-PA)

### WMFQ

- 08/14/02, 0233-0240\*, 6955A (RD-PA)
- 08/21/02, 0054-0200, 6925A (SC-VA 433)

### WMPR

- 08/19/02, 0116-0130, 6955A (SC-VA 222)

### Unid

- 08/06/02, 0232-0235, 6950U (MT-WI 232)
- 08/17/02, 0030-0052, 6950A (WH-IL 133)

## FROM ACROSS THE POND

### Alfa Lima International (Hoogeveen)

- 08/31/02, 2230-2256, 15070A – mx – dance variety. Talk, IDs. Email addresses given bounced. (MT-WI 132)
- 09/14/02, 2328-2356, 15070A – YL folk singer, station ID at 2346 followed by country style mx with fiddle solo. Bad QRN. (KR-MI)(SC-VA 323)

### Borderhunter Radio (Baarle-Hertog)

- 09/14/02, 2245-2323, 15795A – mx – "I Fought the Law," "Go Your Own Way." (SC-VA 323)

## NORTH/SOUTH AMERICAN LOGGINGS

### Captain Morgan (FRN)

- 08/24/02, 0202-0208, 6950A – mx – Stones, Hendrix. (SC-VA 312)
- 08/26/02, 0217-0237, 6940A – drinking wine with Cap'n Morgan. (SC-VA 212)
- 09/13/02, 0202-0225, 6950A – Someone's QSL is in the mail. (SC-VA 242 – still no QSL but I'm not giving up hope! – Steve)

### Hippie Radio (FRN/ACE)

- 09/15/02, 0201-0230+, 6955/6950U – mx – Iron Butterfly, Cream. Equipment and audio problems. OM anner decrying the state of modern day AM radio. (Pse QSL SC-VA 212)(WH-IL 133)(Pse QSL JS-NE 433)

### Indira Calling (Providence)

- 09/05/02, 0040-0100, 6925A – mx – Beach Boys-Indian style. (WH-IL 143)
- 09/22/02, 0155, 6953A – mx – Indian. Played a request for George Zeller. (AF 433)

#### Jean Chretien Worldwide (None)

- 09/04/02, 0009-0107\*, 6925A - mx - INXS. Jams puts in a fey appearance, "We will not let them tear down" loop. (AF 534)

#### KBLK (Providence, but unlikely to be working)

- 09/21/02, 0145-0219\*, 6950A, moved to 6925A - mx - Rap. Broadcast of a recording of the show, disparagement of Pirate DXers, "cracker-ass" listeners and "crazyass white jive" lingo. The station takes calls from Johan Arthur, Major Spook and Niel Wolfish. (I remember hearing this show a good while back - never did get a QSL tho'...Lee) (AF 322) (WS-TN 444) (Pse QSL SC-VA 545) (Pse QSL JS-NE 333)

#### KRMI (krmi6955@yahoo.com)

- 09/01/02, 0211-0235\*, 6950U - mx - "Cat's in the Kettle," other parodies. "I got friends in grownup places?" (AF 242)

#### Oxycontin Radio (None)

- 08/25/02, 0322-0426, 6953A - a Winterfest 2002 retrospective and why you shouldn't park in a fire lane. Very enjoyable, says Ross. (Pse QSL RC-MA 343) (WH-IL 344) (KR-MI) (SC-VA 545) (JS-NE) (MT-WI 244)
- 08/26/02, 0001-0115\*, 6953A - mx - rock. Uncle, Jay, WBCQ and Winterfest. (GZ-OH 454) (SC-VA 433)
- 08/27/02, 0122-0238, 6952A - Jay spends \$7300. (SC-VA 423)
- 09/02/02, 0041-0145\*, 6951A - mx - Hank Williams sr. Talk about Winterfest, Radiohead. (AF 433) (WS-TN 444) (WH-IL 233) (SC-VA 434)

#### Pan Global Wireless (Wellsville)

- 09/06/02, 0125-0222, 6950U - mx and an ID. (SC-VA 212)
- 09/14/02, 0332-0345, 6951U - the Adventures of Fartman, an announcement concerning Humpback Whales. (WS-TN 232)
- 09/15/02, 0014-0147\*, 6950U - a replay of the "Sloppy Sex Extravaganza" with host Mike Oxlone. (JS-NE 322)

#### Radio Cochiguaz (Santiago)

- 08/24/02, 0158\*, 11440U - caught station ID and IS, faded into the noise. (JS-NE 211)

#### Radio FCC (Unknown)

- 09/02/02, 0205-0223\*, 6950U - mx - "Up On The Roof," Coasters, Mother in Law, Sad movies. (Pse QSL SC-VA 334) (KR-MI) (WS-TN 232) (WH-IL 122) (JS-NE 222)

#### Radio Jawbox (Unknown)

- 09/13/02, 0108-0132, 6950A - mx - Abba. (SC-VA 434)

#### Radio Tornado Worldwide (Norie)

- 08/28/02, 0145-0156\*, 6953A - mx - "Shooting Star," Green, Green Grass of Home." Political talk. (JS-NE 333) (MT-WI 233)
- 09/09/02, 0002-0038\*, 6953A - mx - Rock. Announcer proclaiming that Doctor Tornado (of Radio Metallica Worldwide) was a Pirate "wannabe." Comparisons between Alan Weiner and Doctor Tornado. Considerable derision directed at both Doctor Tornado and WBCQ. (GZ-OH 343) (WS-TN 444)

#### Shadow Radio (the\_shadow6950@hotmail.com)

- 09/12/02, 0144-0234\*, 6950U - a WWII broadcast and patriotic music. September 11<sup>th</sup> memorial show. (Pse QSL SC-VA 333) (JS-NE 322)

#### Sycko Radio (None)

- 08/25/02, 0244-0306, 6950U - mx - Hip Hop. Kid Rock and Sycko are cocky. (SC-VA 434) (JS-NE)
- 09/07/02, 0240-0245, 6955U - music, ramblings. A short test transmission. "I still have my microphone, I still have a transmitter." (KR-MI) (AF 243) (SC-VA 333) (WH-IL 144)
- 09/08/02, 1347-1419, 6950U - "Iron Man." (SC-VA 434)
- 09/10/02, 0055-0112, 6950U - James Brownyard has Sycko all fired up. (SC-VA 333)
- 09/15/02, 0241-0330, 6925U - Syckomix. (SC-VA 333) (MT-WI 133)
- 09/15/02, 1300-1313\*, 6950U - noises, dead air, circus music. (MT-WI 133)
- 09/15/02, 2300, 6950U - mx - calliope/circus variety. Noises, laughter. (AF 322)

#### United Patriot Militia Bingo (Merlin)

- 08/23/02, 0022-0112, 6925A - from the Pulaski county fair. (SC-VA 433)
- 09/08/02, 1319-1346, 6952A - Anderson's on the run. (SC-VA 555) (JS-NE 222)
- 09/14/02, \*0117-0145\*, 6953A - mx - Beatles. Major Ron Jacobs with a program to raise funds for the militia. "Man on the Run" parody. (AF 422) (GZ-OH 454) (JS-NE 333) (MT-WI 233)

#### Vox America (Unknown)

- 09/21/02, 0113-0143\*, 6953A - Began show with a stereo system test tone record. Host Dusty White apologizes for lack of a drop but will respond to reports in the ACE (Thanks, Dusty!) and discussed the importance of free speech in America. Cajun cooking with garbage. Mx - Rock. (AF 433) (GZ-OH 343) (WS-TN 444) (SC-VA 333)

#### WHYP (whyp@partlycloudy.com)

- 09/04/02, 0027-0157\*, 6953A - mx - Devo. Bozo versus the Kulpville SWL Winterfest, July Fourth reminiscences. "This Old Pirate." Anniversary special. (AF 534) (WH-IL 244) (SC-VA 444) (MT-WI 344)
- 09/05/02, 0123, 6925A - mx - Nirvana, "California Girls." (AF 323)
- 09/09/02, 0032-0157\*, 6953A - mx - slightly skewed Christmas carols. James Brownyard borrows the Maharishi's magic carpet. (AF 322) (GZ-OH 353) (SC-VA 434)
- 09/10/02, 00044-0054, 6953A - anti-WBCQ rant. (SC-VA 545)
- 09/12/02, 0228, 6925A - mx - Devo, Christmas parodies. Sounds like the WBCQ broadcast from 09/10/02. (AF 423)
- 09/12/02, 0234-0314, 6925A - mx - "A\*\*holes on Parade." Pirates are beacons of free speech. (SC-VA 434) (WH-IL 244) (JS-NE 433)
- 09/14/02, 0102-0144\*, 6953A - mx - Devo. Lake Erie region temperatures (all incorrect) given by James Brownyard. Segued into UPMB broadcast. (GZ-OH 454) (SC-VA 433) (WH-IL 255)
- 09/17/02, 0204, 6925A - John Arthur complains about WHYP repeat shows. (AF 433)
- 09/17/02, 0246-0314, 6925A - mx - Eagles. Stinky Dog! (SC-VA 433) (MT-WI 233)
- 09/20/02, 2358-0158\*, 6953A - mx - many rock tune parodies. Captain Ron helps James Brownyard set up a Pirate radio station. Remarks by John Arthur. (AF 433) (GZ-OH 454) (KR-MI) (SC-VA 545) (MT-WI 223)
- 09/21/02, 0305+, 6953A - a repeat of "Who Wants to be a Pirate Radio Operator?" (JS-NE 222)

#### WMFQ (Providence)

- 09/04/02, 0131-0201\*, 6925A - mx - "California Girls," Ray Charles. Sal Ammoniac ID. (MT-WI 233)
- 09/05/02, 0154-0200\*, 6925A - mx - Stevie Wonder spoof. Xmission segued into from an Indira Calling xmission. Request for letters and ID. (RD-PA) (WH-IL 133) (JS-NE)
- 09/07/02, \*0205-0235\*, 6953A - "No Reply At All." QRM from fishermen. Traditional chorused ID slogan. Audio SFX. (AF 423) (GZ-OH 343) (RD-PA) (KR-MI) (SC-VA 534) (WH-IL 244)
- 09/13/02, 0245-0316\*, 6952A - one for Kurt Cobain. Station ID with anti-Sal Ammoniac theme. (SC-VA 434) (JS-NE 433) (MT-WI 233)

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### TENTATIVE/UNIDENTIFIED

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#### Radio Waves International? (ALI Relay)

- 09/14/02, 2240-2255, 15070A - very bad copy, just Country mx identifiable now and then. Very tentative. (MT-WI)

#### Sycko Radio?

- 09/21/02, 0104, 6950U - mx - Rap. Stereo test, QRM from 6953. (AF 232)

#### UNID

- 08/25/02, 0422-0426\*, 6953A - mx - Rock. Bozo/Straka clips. OM "everything is now off the record!" Carrier cut. (RD-PA) (Probably Oxycontin Radio)
- 08/28/02, 0140-0154, 6953A - mx - Pop. Much cussing. "Listen this weekend!" (WH-IL 233)
- 09/11/02, 0105-0143, 6950U - phone phreaking. Discussion of ATT phone system. (SC-VA 212) (JS-NE)
- 09/15/02, 0138-0148, 6950L - 50's type ad/PSA, talk and mx. Very hard copy. (MT-WI 121)
- 09/15/02, 0230, 6952U - mx - Pink Floyd. Over modulated. (WH-IL 133)

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## TEN (and TWENTY) YEARS AFTER...

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All those many years ago.... Back in '82 the ACE had just been granted acceptance by the ANARC folks, a subscription to ACE cost a princely \$6.95 a year (doesn't sound much but don't forget, back then you could buy a Caddy Eldorado and still have change left out of twenty bucks,) and Kirk had seven folks reporting loggings for the October edition. One of the interesting things is that almost nobody was reported on 7415 that month - 7355, 7425, 7430, 9590, 13786 - but no 7415. There was also a pretty decent selection of South American clandestine loggings.

Skipping forward to 1992, everyone was within a few kHz of 7415 and SSB had made an appearance. Membership had gone up to \$18 a year and we had 21 reporters of loggings. (Boy, glad we didn't keep up that kind of rate increase between '92 and '02 - we'd be over \$40 a year if'n we did that!) Looking at the pages, the only stations reported then that are still heard today (or within the last year or two) were Radio Free Euphoria with Captain Ganja and our beloved Radio Azteca hosted by Bram "Pass the Gerbil" Stoker. Other stations heard included RKNA, Radio Baghdad, Radio Beaver, Radio Free America, The Voice of Bob, WARI, WEED, WHIP, WKIK and (George Zeller's all-time favorite!) The Voice of the Night.

And stations were still playing cuts from "Dark Side of the Moon." Some things never change...

## RAMBLINGS

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Okay, first and foremost the period around Hallowe'en is a very popular time for operators to get on the air. You'll find one or two stations showing up that aren't to be heard at any other time! Make sure you have the radio on and the tape recorder ready. Myself, I think that this is probably *THE* holiday of the year to listen on!

We almost permanently lost the FRN web site a few weeks ago. John Cruzan (the site administrator) did a great job of getting things resurrected and the site is practically back to its usual self. Drop by the site (<http://www.frn.net>) and take a look-see if you've not been there before. John's also looking for volunteers to assist him with the job of administering the various forums. If you use the FRN you should help out!

Al "Lapin" Fansome would particularly like to thank Chris Smolinski for his efforts in providing a logging site and JC for running the FRN for so many years!

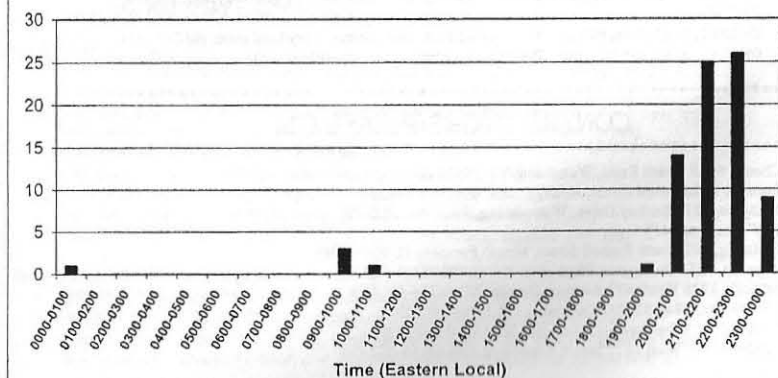
We have a new contributor - Kurt Ringquist - in beautiful Ann Arbor, Michigan. He did a nice first-time job of reporting. Thanks, Kurt.

Not a bad turnout this month, actually.

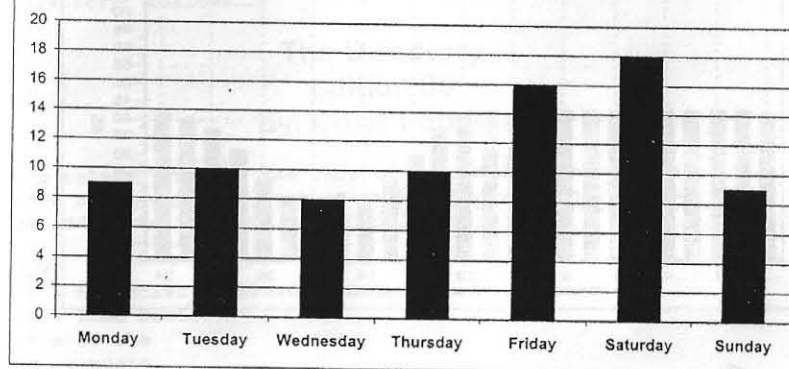
## STATISTICS

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Latest stats, people. Looks as if (as is usual) between 2000 Eastern and midnight on a Friday or a Saturday is the likeliest time to be hearing the "Arrr!"s on the air! Of course, this also could be taken as indicating that Pirates have no lives and nothing to do on the two big party nights of the week.... Let's give 'em the benefit of the doubt here and assume they're on the air at those times because they're warm-hearted and caring folks who like to entertain us when we don't have to get up for work the next day!

Pirate Activity by Hour



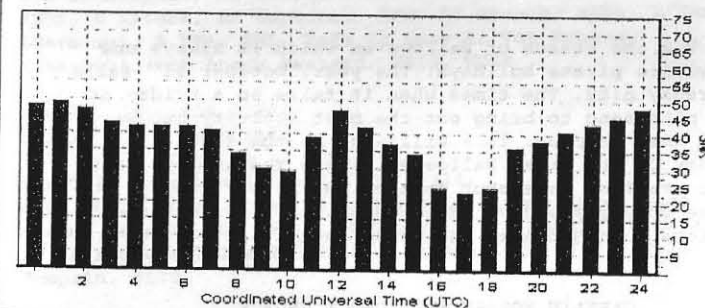
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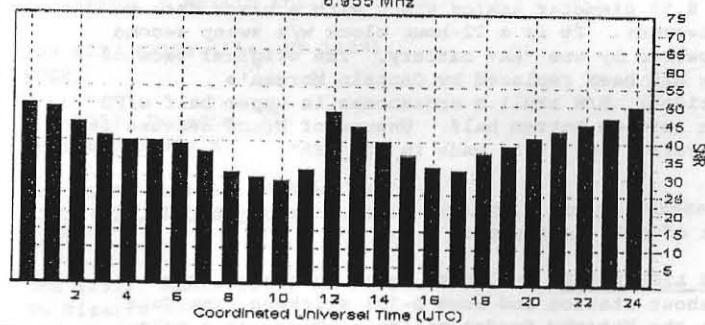
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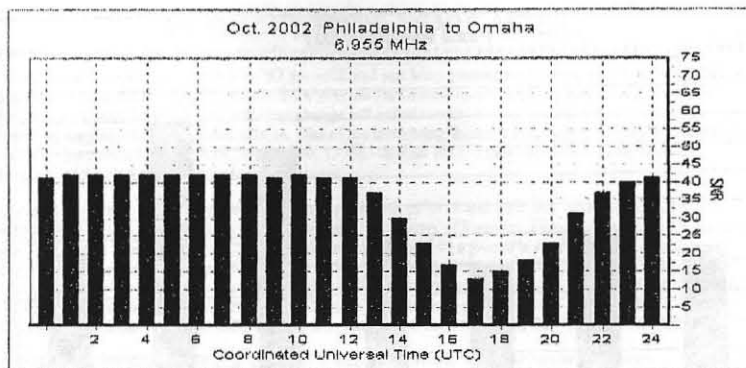
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A different approach this month, friends - instead of using canned locations I've selected a trio of locations based upon the locations of some of the folks who kindly sent in reports for this month's column.

Oct. 2002 Philadelphia to Knoxville  
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Oct. 2002 Philadelphia to Ann Arbor  
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# VERIED RESPONSE

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NEXT COLUMN DEADLINE: October 19<sup>th</sup>

Hi guys. Tis the season of Hallowe'en which is always one of my favorite pirate holidays. The year, October 31<sup>st</sup> falls on a Thursday nite. The times when it falls on a Friday or Saturday nite tend to bring out the most activity but we shall see what happens. This will also be the 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of The Great Halloween Pirate Massacre of 1998 when four stations were shut down on one nite. Gee, it seems like only yesterday. Many thanks to this month's contributors John Sedlacek and Woody Smith.

## CAPTAIN MORGAN WALL CLOCK UPDATE

Last month I asked John Sedlacek for some details about the QSL Clock he received and here's his reply ....

"It's an 8.5" diameter analog clock with a black case & quartz movement. It is a 12-hour clock w/a sweep second hand & powered by one "AA" battery. The original face of the clock has been replaced by Captain Morgan's modifications: B/W skull & crossbones in upper half w/FD reception info on bottom half. Unsure of brand because it is now covered, but it is made in the USA".

Not a lot of QSLs to report:

Q-103 THE LIGHTHOUSE. Full data color post card, two letters about station and some Q-103 stickers from Juha Viren via the Ytterby, Sweden maildrop. This was a relay Via Radio Cochiguaz. [Sedlacek-NE]

VOICE A' DA TIKI. Full data reply from Mudda Maxwell in about 6 months. [Smith-TN]

I don't know if there's soon, but if there is, "The Directory" follows.....

## The Directory edition 38 by: Chris Lobdell

I'm relying on you, the fans of free radio, to help keep this up-to-date, so look it over and send me any corrections or additions that you know of! Thanks.

### KEY:

BC = broadcast or broadcasting  
FR = Free Radio  
ot = of the  
mx = music  
R = Radio  
RF = Radio Free  
Intl = International  
Svc = Service  
Vo = Voice of  
Vot = Voice of the  
Vox = Voice  
WW = Worldwide

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Blind Faith R, CSIC, Happy Hanukkah, Laser Hot Hits, R Gemini, R. Marabu, R Merlin Intl, R Toronto, Vo Juliet.

Box 422, Wellsville, NY 14895:

WDRR

Box 1212, Dunedin, NZ:

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KIWI (NZ), R G'day (Aust), Radio Sue (NZ), Radio Eureka Intl [AU]

Box 11522, Huntsville, AL 35814:

Vo Bizarro World, WPN

Box 28413, Providence, RI 02908:

Harold Krishna's Mx Svc, Indira Calling, Marianne Calling, Partial India R, R Eclipse, RFM, Scream of Butterfly, Vot Runaway Maharishi, WHYP, WMFQ.

Box 69, Elkhorn, NE 68022  
KIPM, Mystery Science Radio, WAIR, Voice A Da Tiki

When contacting a Free Radio station:

Always use the address announced in the broadcast; it is the most current. If no address is announced, use the one listed here.

Until next month, Happy Pirate QSLing.

## CLANDESTINE PROFILE

by George Zeller

Your loggings, information, and speculations about clandestine radio stations are always very welcome for this column. You can send them direct to your editor at 3492 West 123rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44111. Or, you can call (216) 941-3366 anytime, or else (216) 696-9077 between 1200-2100 UTC weekdays. E-mail input is welcome via my [georgez@nacs.net](mailto:georgez@nacs.net) address, with <http://www.nacs.net/~georgez> providing access to my web page.

### TECHNICAL PROBLEMS TEMPORARILY ELIMINATE COLUMN

As Harry Helms pointed out last month, there was no Clandestine Profile column in the September issue of *The ACE*. This sentence is only very slightly altered from a couple of months ago when he had to say the same thing about the July issue of *The ACE*. Both instances of the missing columns were caused by computer problems. The July column was written, but was not delivered properly over the internet to our publisher. Then, for September, your editor suffered yet another computer malfunction. My copy of Eudora Pro suddenly quit working, causing all of my e-mail capabilities to disappear. I had to spend a whole weekend fixing this mess instead of writing a column. I eventually found that the defective Eudora e-mail software problem was caused by configuration files that had gone bad. So, I highly recommend that everybody realize that the alleged computer revolution that is supposed to be changing the world is actually ruining the world in many ways. I do not recommend products from either Microsoft or Qualcomm. They are not up to the standard of reliability that should be expected when you send money to their rich owners to buy software. As most of us know by now, your editor was not the only victim of computer problems during the last few months. John Cruzan, the webmeister of the outstanding Free Radio Network web site at <http://www.frn.net> reports that he experienced massive server problems during September. For a few days, the world's leading pirate radio web site completely disappeared. John did considerable work trying to get the site up on the web again from some very old backups that he had, but we now know that even a computer whiz like John Cruzan can be humbled by the chaotic and scandalous state of the computer industry nowadays.

There is a solution to this problem that I can recommend. There is a technology discovered nearly a hundred years ago. It is called shortwave radio. It is a good and cost effective means to communicate with large and small audiences over very great distances. There is another technology that was invented hundreds of years ago. It is called the Post in German speaking countries and in Canada where it is hard to say what language they speak. In the United States we call this technology the Post Office. I hereby announce to a variety of people, one of whom is Tony Blair, that their theory that computers have replaced the old technologies is completely wrong. The new technologies

are insufficiently reliable and affordable to assure communication of ideas across the world. The city of New York also found this out last year on September 11. But, despite a massive volume of evidence that backs up the validity of my announcement, there are a lot of dumb people who are betting the future economy and security of the western world on an unreliable technology that is being controlled by a few rich guys. So, if Microsoft and Qualcomm want to continue selling defective products that are unreliable, caveat emptor.

### CLANDESTINE RADIO WATCH E-MAIL FLAP

As you can see in the column this month, I am not at all pleased with the state of the computer industry nowadays. In September another victim of the nonstandardized mess with computers across the world was Martin Schoech, the outstanding editor of the *Clandestine Radio Watch* newsletter. This newsletter is available through two means. It gets posted on the equally outstanding clandestine radio com web site, still found at a URL of <http://www.clandestineradio.com/> on the internet. The whole CRW staff of Nick Grace, Martin Schoech, Owen Williamson, Takuya Hirayama, Roberto H. Iglesias, Robert Petraitis, Armando Mastrapa, and Sunarko H. Gunawan is now visible with biographies and pictures on the clandestine radio com web site. The newsletter is also distributed free to anybody who requests it at Martin's [schoechi@gmx.de](mailto:schoechi@gmx.de) e-mail address.

During September, Martin changed the format of his e-mail distribution of the CRW newsletter to a text file attachment. He reports that he was immediately deluged by complaints from around the world that recipients could not open up and read their copy of the newsletter. None of these complaints came from George Zeller in Cleveland, Ohio, who was easily able to open up his text file attachment of CRW #116. But, be advised that although the internet remains an imperfect and incomplete tool for spreading information around, anybody who is serious about clandestine radio DXing should still take out a free subscription to CRW. If it turns out that you can't read it when you get it, be advised that both the current CRW issue and an archive of back issues are still available on clandestine radio com. If you are one of the tiny number of people in the world who have a functional and working computer that is attached to an affordable and working internet connection, then you can easily check this out. Issue #116 of CRW was chock full of interesting clandestine news inside its 34 pages.

### NO STEVE ANDERSON NEWS

Except for pirate station WHYP's parody of the search for Steve Anderson, former operator of clandestine station KSMR, to the tune of "Band on the Run," with lyrics maintaining that Glenn Hauser and George Zeller are searching everywhere for Steve, there is no Steve Anderson news this month to report. At column deadline time for *The ACE*, the federal government and President George W. Bush have failed to find both Steve Anderson and Osama Bin Laden.

### INFORMATION RADIO STILL THERE

Per a report from Takuya Hirayama of Japan during a visit to Kabul on September 15, it appears that the USA's clandestine radio voice in Afghanistan, **Information Radio**, is still on the air on their longtime 8700 kHz frequency. Hirayama says that the station now broadcasts in AM, unlike the upper sideband signal that it had while it was being transmitted from US Air Force aircraft. Many North American DXers heard this one when it was being broadcast from the aircraft, but it has been quite a while since I have seen an actual logging of this one, with the exception of Hirayama's report in CRW #116. Given the apparent move of this station to a clandestine AM land-based transmitter, the US Government has provided us with a new and tough DX target. Hirayama's report listed an approximate schedule of 1000-1900 UTC. I have not been hearing this in Cleveland, but you might want to give it a try at your own QTH, particularly around times when your local greyline might support propagation to Afghanistan and vicinity. In the eastern part of North America at this time of year, this might mean trying for reception around sunrise.



## ZIMBABWE CLANDESTINE

As is unfortunately often the case, the eyes of the United States appear to be capable of focus only on one major trouble spot at a time. At the moment, that spot of focus is clearly the Middle East. But, there are plenty of military and political trouble spots around the world, not the least of which is the United States itself, where a fairly severe recession continues to grip the country, particularly in the Ohio region of the midwest. Both the federal and the state governments have pretty much been ignoring this major economic difficulty, partly by transferring our attentions away from the economic hardship.

The web site of the Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland, maintained by some guy named George Zeller, yup you have heard of that guy before, found at <http://www.ceogc.org/research/index.htm> on your internet dial, shows at ACE column deadline time that Ohio lost 149,000 jobs in 2001, with an additional 526,136 new claims for unemployment so far in 2002 through the first week in September. Those figures are continually updated, so you could check the web site to see how much things have changed between column deadline time and the time that you are reading your copy of *The ACE*. So, those people who say that the recession has been mild, and perhaps is actually over, are all completely wrong, at least in Ohio, where many hundreds of thousands of households are suffering considerably from the economic hardship caused by the current recession. Zeller thinks that much of the military activity that dominates the news every day is a cynical attempt to divert the attention of the American people and the rest of the world from the significant economic recession that we are suffering through right now.

While all this is going on in North America and the Middle East, a major political and military struggle has been continuing in southern Africa. Military strongman Robert Mugabe still presides over a chaotic economic and military situation in which the government and its compliant court system are seizing land from longtime colonial farmers and redistributing it by force during what amounts to a major civil war. As the *Wall Street Journal* reported in mid-September, there is considerable concern for the strategic political and military situation in southern Africa as a result of this mess, including within South Africa. But, we see almost no attention to this situation in the USA press. There is a clandestine radio alternative to this void.

Many North American DXers have been hearing **Voice of the People**, an anti-Mugabe Zimbabwe clandestine on 7310 kHz both prior to 0400 UTC and after this time. One of the more recent logs was listed by Jerry Berg in DXplorer on September 23 with an ID on the hour at 0400. The station isn't what we could call an easy log, given various QRM that also inhabit this frequency, but it is well worth putting on your target list. The signals from this one actually can be better than you would expect, especially since it uses a transmitter in Madagascar that is operated by Radio Netherlands. Jerry is therefore by no means the only DXer who has heard this one. Unlike many other clandestines active nowadays, the programming on this one is normally in English, and it gives an interesting slant to the chaos that is present in Zimbabwe. As clandestine radio com points out, it is known that this station is partially financed by the Soros foundation, the same group that has been active in drug decriminalization initiatives in a variety of USA states. The station has been active for more than a year now. Unlike a growing portion of the active North American pirate stations, this one provides an address for communication with the station so that it can get feedback from its listeners. If you hear them, you can try sending a report to Radio Voice of the People, Box CY3093, Causeway, Harare, Zimbabwe. But, given the chaotic mess in Zimbabwe at present, please do not lie awake nights as you await a reply.

### THANKS!

The input of ACE members and other DXers is vitally important to this column, and to all other ACE columns. We thank John Cruzan (Missouri), Martin Schoech (Germany), Jerry Berg (Massachusetts), and George Zeller (Ohio) for providing material. Next month we all hope to hear from **YOU** by September 15 for the October 2002 *Clandestine Profile*.



## Covert Comms

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If imitation is the most sincere form of flattery, then numbers station operators must be very flattered indeed. Yet another pirate radio station has done an imitation of numbers stations.

WBNY, the voice of the rodent revolution, joins the Mexican food station, Attention 69, and the Roman numerals station in parodies of spook activity. WBNY has recently featured Commander Bunny passing messages to agents (presumably furry with floppy ears) in the field.

The major difference between WBNY and the others is that this station has sent messages that have actually been decoded. The messages consisted of numbers which have corresponded to letters of the alphabet, such as 1=A, 2=B, and so on. Once the messages have been copied and transposed from numbers to letters, a simple letter-substitution cipher is used to get the plaintext from the message.

The first message was heard on 7 August 2002 at 0006 UTC. It decoded to the following: AL FANSOME IS A GOOD HUMAN HE WILL FEED YOU EAT THE SPECIAL CARROTS WE GOT FROM GANIA THAT IS ALL BUNNY OUT. Al Fansome is a pirate DX'er who for some reason in the past has been the target of Commander Bunny's animosity, and GANIA probably is supposed to be GANJA, a reference to Captain Ganja, a pirate well-known for marijuana advocacy. We can probably assume that the "special carrots" contain a higher than normal amount of THC.

Another message copied by Pat Murphy on 1 September at around 2235 on 6950 AM was translated to the following: WOODY PARR MUST DIE HERE IS HOUSE, then Commander Bunny said the words "Special instructions" twice, then passed the coded message which decoded as LAT 34.5710 LON 83.4824. Woody Parr is an amateur radio operator who allegedly was jamming repeaters in Georgia, although there is no mention of him on the FCC's or ARRL's websites. The coordinates given appear to be that of Mr. Parr, according to his license information. This makes one wonder if WBNY is related to the unidentified Morse pirate who in the past has been heard repeating the message WOODY PARR WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE. It also makes one wonder if Commander Bunny, in an amateur radio incarnation, was jammed by Mr. Parr or someone he believes to be Mr. Parr.

Two other messages have been sent by Commander Bunny to his furry agents, and the undeciphered text of which is on Chris Smolinski's website at <http://www.spynumbers.com/WBNY.html>. Chris also provides some analysis of the WBNY messages. I will leave it up to the reader to decipher these texts. I won't spoil all the fun.

Commander Bunny posted a message to the FRN grapevines before the server hosting the site crashed. The full text can be found at Chris' website mentioned above, but basically Commander Bunny claims to be sending messages to millions of rodents in order to further the cause of the rodent revolution. The rabbits are gnawing away at fiber optic cables all over the country. He also states that any attempts to decode the secret transmissions sent by WBNY will only lead to more confusion on your part.

WBNY's numbers messages have been a breath of fresh air in the numbers monitoring community. Continuing to log stations is interesting in itself, but a pirate sending messages that can actually be decoded provides a fun opportunity to enjoy the hobby by testing our skills in traffic analysis and cryptography. I only hope they send more.

# Micro'casting

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The sole purpose of this column is to enlighten and educate ACE readers of the many aspects of Part 15 and micro radio- this is YOUR column! PLEASE submit all stuff and what-have-you to the address or e-mail address above and you'll get credit or blame, whichever you prefer!

IS VACATION OVER, OR DID IT EVER COME? No rest for the weary here, folks...it's been full jets here in the household and on the job. Most days start at 5:30AM and end about midnight lately, hence my absence. Needless to say, when hunting season starts in about forty days or so, I'll be even more scarce! I'm looking forward to integrating what's left of my vacation time into LONG weekends in the woods, away from phones of all kinds, computers, and NOISE! Also, there's been no news from anywhere, after the NAB & Co. helped strip us of ANY prospects of having a hobby broadcast band that could have made a difference.

THE FIRST AMENDMENT STRIPPED FROM WE THE PEOPLE: It seems as if when the NAB was successful in lobbying Congress to their way of thinking re: microbroadcasting, everything went to hell in a handbasket. I look at this as NAB's and Congress' way of restricting our First Amendment rights to free speech. Not only that, as a gun owner/hunter, I see where the same Congressmen/women who SWORE to uphold & protect the Constitution of the United States are doing dastardly deeds in closing hours and hiding their agendas in last pages of unrelated bills to further erode the 2nd Amendment. What's going on here? Does Congress, with big business, see themselves as the "elite" in a socialist- or communist-like society, to use the people where & when they see fit and where laws don't apply to them? I gag at folks who spout their agenda re: gun laws, yet have *ARMED SECRET SERVICE AGENTS* escorting them everywhere! The same with Hollywood stars or the Rosie O'Dummies of our country who attack us, yet have armed guards for them & their children. Sheesh!

A good friend of mine and John Arthur's, Bill Cheek, said that once the government restricts guns, travel and communication, they GOT YA! Communication in OUR corner means broadcasting "alternative news and music", which can make the difference the NAB and other "elitists" don't want to happen. In my opinion, there is NO LONGER ANY room for so-called "gray areas"- we need to put our collective feet down, NOW! Take a few minutes out of your otherwise busy day TODAY and call your Senators and Representative and SET THEM STRAIGHT! de Bud

## Random Transmissions

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Here we are in October, my favorite month for pirate dx'ing thanks to Halloween. I love those nights when two or three stations are cranking on different frequencies!

Bill D. Berger was very kind to send the following along from the Voice of the New World Order website explaining the origins & objectives of his station.

"Voice of the New World Order was born in response to various wacko conspiracy nuts with programs on various shortwave outlets such as WWCR and WWFV (or whatever

they're calling themselves now). But it was really Colonel Steve Anderson of the Kentucky Rifleman's Militia and his illegal station United Patriot Radio that sparked the idea of VoNWO. Col. Steve had his station where he broadcast his crazy ideas every night, many having to do with bizarre conspiracy theories dealing with the New World Order and how the evil UN was planning on taking away everyone's guns and enslaving them in one-world government.

NWO conspiracy theorists have believed for years that the Illuminati, Jewish Bankers, UN troops based in secret training bases around the US, Freemasons, the Trilateral Commission, the Bildeburg group, and just about any organization you can think of is somehow involved in a massive conspiracy to join all the nations of the world together under one government, headed by the antichrist. Supposedly if the antichrist comes to power at the head of this evil one-world government, then Jesus will not be able to return.

So we got to thinking... if there really is a massive conspiracy involving a cast of literally thousands of people, then there should be a broadcast service to distribute information to all these people so they can know how their evil plans are going. Naturally it should be called the Voice of the New World Order, and should be based at UN headquarters.

We had planned to begin broadcasting our programs every so often on 6900 kHz after Col. Steve signed off. Originally I think the plan was just simply to try to piss off Col. Steve by extolling the virtues of the NWO, but the idea for a regular shortwave pirate was hatched. Unfortunately, we never put a show together before Col Steve finally went over the edge and shot up that police car, causing him to be on the lam ever since. But the idea had taken root and finally a show was put on the air.

Unfortunately, nobody heard our first broadcast. At least, nobody reported it to the FRN Grapevines, the ACE, or to us. Undaunted, we continued putting shows on the air and people started hearing us. Today we broadcast every so often around 6950 and 6955. Any time we need new material for a show, we just check out some wacko's website and see what the conspiracy of the day is. There's enough out there to keep someone entertained for years. Basically our shows poke fun at conspiracy nuts by pretending the conspiracy theories are real, and pointing out how silly they really are.

We still haven't had the heart to do any shows with material about September 11. Many conspiracy nuts believe that the US government was behind the attacks, or at least took part in them. While this is laughable, we can't seem to bring ourselves to make fun of these nuts. I know that many people would take jokes about the terrorist attacks the wrong way, and I don't feel like dealing with that kind of mess. But the bottom line is that I don't think I could find much humor in it.

We've been involved in pirate radio for years, and have operated several different stations. VoNWO is yet another production from our strange minds, and hopefully won't be the last one we produce."

Bill D. Berger says that Voice of the New World Order uses standard ham equipment for transmitting. Regarding the shortwave pirate scene, he says "I think that the shortwave pirate scene is still going strong. Activity dropped off a bit after the Halloween 1998 busts, but today it's not hard to find a pirate active just about any night. Not only are pirates staying on 6955, but we have expanded to other freqs. such as 6900, 6925, and 6950. The FCC still seems powerless or unwilling to do any enforcement. Of course they are still understaffed which is good for us."

Bill states that response to VoNWO has been mostly positive and that listeners enjoy the station. "Actually I was hoping to hear from some conspiracy nuts but so far haven't" he explains. "I hope to add a "listener mail" section to our website where we can list comments about our station, so it's up to our listeners to send in their comments."

Voice of the New World Order is definitely a unique station to listen for!



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